

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An image data communication apparatus connected to ~~an image data source and~~ to a network, and transmitting image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message, the image data communication apparatus comprising:

a scanner configured to scan the image data;

a memory configured to store a default mail e-mail address and a mail an e-mail address of at least one user, the memory being within the image data communication apparatus;

a panel section configured to select the mail e-mail address of at least one user stored in the memory other than the default mail e-mail address stored in the memory, the panel including a start actuator; and

a controller configured to control the scanner to scan the image data and to convert the scanned image data into a format for e-mail transmission in response to operation of the start actuator,

the controller being further configured to set the default mail e-mail address into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the mail e-mail address of the user is not selected by the panel section; ,

the controller being further configured to set the mail e-mail address of the user selected by the panel section into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the mail e-mail address of the user is selected by the panel section, the mail e-mail address of the

user being distinct from ~~a-mail~~ an e-mail address of the image data communication apparatus, whereby the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user set into the mail message of the e-mail can be utilized as a destination for a reply to the e-mail, the reply being sent from the receiving apparatus, the reply being returned to the e-mail address of the user, and not being returned to e-mail address of the image data communication apparatus.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the panel ~~section~~ comprises a personal computer connected to the image data communication apparatus.

4. (Currently Amended) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the personal computer displays an HTML document for storing the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user in the memory.

5. (Canceled).

6. (Currently Amended) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the default ~~mail~~ e-mail address is pre-stored in the memory and the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user is stored in the memory by the user.

7. (Currently Amended) An image data communication apparatus connected to ~~an image data source~~ and to a network, and transmitting image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message, the image data communication apparatus comprising:

a scanner configured to scan the image data;

a memory configured to store a-mail an e-mail address of at least one user and a default mail e-mail address of a user, the memory being within the image data communication apparatus;

a panel section configured to select the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of at least one user other than the default ~~mail~~ e-mail address stored in the memory, the panel including a start actuator; and

a controller, in response to operation of the start actuator being configured to control the scanner to scan the image data and to convert the scanned image data into a format for e-mail transmission,

the controller being configured to set the default ~~mail~~ e-mail address into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user is not selected by the panel section;

the controller being further configured to set the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user selected by the panel section into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user is selected by the panel section, the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user being distinct from a ~~mail~~ an e-mail address of the image data communication apparatus, whereby a reply to the e-mail can be sent to the user without requiring input of the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user at the receiving apparatus, the reply being sent from the receiving apparatus, the reply being returned to the e-mail address of the user, and not being returned to the e-mail address of the image data communication apparatus.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the panel section comprises a personal computer connected to the image data communication apparatus.

10. (Currently Amended) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 9, wherein the personal computer displays an HTML document for storing the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user in the memory.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently Amended) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the default ~~mail~~ e-mail address is pre-stored in the memory and the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user is stored in the memory by the user.

13. (Currently Amended) An image data communication apparatus connected to ~~an image data source and~~ to a network, and transmitting image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message, the image data communication apparatus comprising:

a scanner configured to scan the image data;

a memory configured to store ~~a-mail~~ an e-mail address of at least one user and a default ~~mail~~ e-mail address of a user, the memory being within the image data communication apparatus;

a panel ~~section~~ configured to select the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of at least one user other than the default ~~mail~~ e-mail address stored in the memory, the panel including a start actuator; and

a controller, in response to operation of the start actuator being configured to control the scanner to scan the image data and to convert the scanned image data into a format for e-mail transmission,

the controller being configured to set the default ~~mail~~ e-mail address into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user is not selected by the panel section;

the controller being further configured to set the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user selected by the panel section into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user is not selected by the panel section, the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user being distinct from ~~a-mail~~ an e-mail address of the image data communication apparatus,

whereby a reply to the e-mail is returned to the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user, and is not returned to the e-mail address of the image data communication apparatus.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently Amended) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 13, wherein the panel ~~section~~ comprises a personal computer connected to the image data communication apparatus.

16. (Currently Amended) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 15, wherein the personal computer displays an HTML document for storing the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user in the memory.

17. (Canceled).

18. (Currently Amended) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the default ~~mail~~ e-mail address is pre-stored in the memory and the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user is stored in the memory by the user.

19. (Currently Amended) An image data communication apparatus connected to a network, the image data communication apparatus comprising:

a scanner configured to scan image data;

a transmitter configured to transmit image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message;

a memory configured to store a default ~~mail~~ e-mail address and a ~~mail~~ an e-mail address of at least one user, the memory being within the image data communication apparatus;

a panel ~~section~~ configured to select the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of at least one user other than the default ~~mail~~ e-mail address stored in the memory, the panel including a start actuator; and

a controller, in response to operation of the start actuator being configured to control the scanner to scan the image data and to convert the scanned image data into a format for e-mail transmission.

the controller being further configured to set the default mail e-mail address into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the mail e-mail address of the user is not selected by the panel section; _

the controller being further configured to set the mail e-mail address of the user selected by the panel section into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached, the mail e-mail address of the user being distinct from a mail an e-mail address of the image data communication apparatus, whereby the mail e-mail address of the user set into the mail message of the e-mail can be utilized as a destination for a reply to the e-mail, the reply being sent from the receiving apparatus, the reply being returned to the e-mail address of the user, and not being returned to the e-mail address of the image data communication apparatus.

20. (Canceled).

21. (Currently Amended) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 19, wherein the default mail e-mail address is pre-stored in the memory and the mail e-mail address of the user is stored in the memory by the user.

22. (Currently Amended) An image data communication apparatus connected to a network, the image data communication apparatus comprising:

a scanner configured to scan image data;

a transmitter configured to transmit image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message;

a memory configured to store a default ~~mail~~ e-mail address and a ~~mail~~ an e-mail address of at least one user, the memory being within the image data communication apparatus;

a panel ~~section~~ configured to select the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of at least one user other than the default ~~mail~~ e-mail address stored in the memory, the panel including a start actuator; and

a controller, in response to the start actuator being operated being configured to control the scanner to scan the image data and to convert the scanned image data into a format for e-mail transmission,

the controller being further configured to set the default ~~mail~~ e-mail address into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user is not selected by the panel section; ,

the controller being further configured to set the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user selected by the panel section into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached, the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user being distinct from a ~~mail~~ an e-mail address of the image data communication apparatus, whereby a reply to the e-mail can be sent to the user without requiring input of the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user at the receiving apparatus, the reply being sent from the receiving apparatus, the reply being returned to the e-mail address of the user, and not being returned to the e-mail address of the image data communication apparatus.

23. (Canceled).

24. (Currently Amended) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 22, wherein the default ~~mail~~ e-mail address is pre-stored in the memory and the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user is stored in the memory by the user.

25. (Currently Amended) An image data communication apparatus connected to a network, the image data communication apparatus comprising:

a scanner configured to scan image data;

a transmitter configured to transmit image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message;

a memory configured to store a default ~~mail~~ e-mail address and a ~~mail~~ an e-mail address of at least one user, the memory being within the image data communication apparatus;

a panel ~~section~~ configured to select the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of at least one user other than the default ~~mail~~ e-mail address stored in the memory, the panel including a start actuator; and

a controller, in response to the start actuator being operated being configured to control the scanner to scan the image data and to convert the scanned image data into a format for e-mail transmission,

the controller being further configured to set the default ~~mail~~ e-mail address into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user is not selected by the panel ~~section~~; and

the controller being further configured to set the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user selected by the panel ~~section~~ into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached, the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user being distinct from a ~~mail~~ an e-mail address of the image data communication apparatus, whereby a reply to the e-mail is returned to the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user, and is not returned to the e-mail address of the image data communication apparatus.

26. (Canceled).

27. (Currently Amended) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 25, wherein the default ~~mail~~ e-mail address is pre-stored in the memory and the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user is stored in the memory by the user.

28. (Currently Amended) A method for controlling an image data communication apparatus connected ~~to an image data source and~~ to a network, and transmitting image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message, the image data communication apparatus including a memory storing a default mail e-mail address and ~~a mail~~ an e-mail address of at least one user, the ~~mail e-mail~~ mail e-mail address of at least one user being an address other than the default ~~mail e-mail~~ mail e-mail address, and a panel for selecting an e-mail address of a user, the panel including a start actuator, the method comprising:

scanning the image data and converting the scanned image data into a format for e-mail transmission, in response to the start actuator being operated; and

setting the default ~~mail e-mail~~ mail e-mail address into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the ~~mail e-mail~~ mail e-mail address of the user is not selected; and

setting ~~the~~ a selected ~~mail e-mail~~ mail e-mail address of the user into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached, the ~~mail e-mail~~ mail e-mail address of the user being distinct from ~~a mail~~ an e-mail address of the image data communication apparatus, whereby the ~~mail e-mail~~ mail e-mail address of the user set into the mail message of the e-mail can be utilized as a destination for a reply to the e-mail, the reply being sent from the receiving apparatus, the reply being returned to the e-mail address of the user, and not being returned to the e-mail address of the image data communication apparatus.

29. (Canceled).

30. (Currently Amended) The image data communication apparatus control method according to claim 28, wherein the default ~~mail e-mail~~ mail e-mail address is pre-stored in the memory and the ~~mail e-mail~~ mail e-mail address of the user is stored in the memory by the user.

31. (Currently Amended) A method for controlling an image data communication apparatus connected to ~~an image data source and~~ to a network, and transmitting image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message, the image data communication apparatus including a memory storing a default ~~mail e-mail~~ address and a ~~mail an e-mail~~ address of at least one user, the ~~mail e-mail~~ address of at least one user being an address other than the default ~~mail e-mail~~ address, and a panel for selecting an e-mail address of a user, the panel including a start actuator, the method comprising:

scanning the image data and converting the scanned image data into a format for e-mail transmission, in response to the start actuator being operated; and

setting the default ~~mail e-mail~~ address into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the ~~mail e-mail~~ address of the user is not selected; and

setting ~~the a~~ selected ~~mail e-mail~~ address of the user into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached, the ~~mail e-mail~~ address of the user being distinct from a ~~mail an e-mail~~ address of the image data communication apparatus, whereby a reply to the e-mail can be sent to the user without requiring input of the ~~e-mail~~ address of the user at the receiving apparatus, the reply being sent from the receiving apparatus, the reply being returned to the e-mail address of the user, and not being returned to the e-mail address of the image data communication apparatus.

32. (Canceled).

33. (Currently Amended) The image data communication apparatus control method according to claim 31, wherein the default ~~mail e-mail~~ address is pre-stored in the memory and the ~~mail e-mail~~ address of the user is stored in the memory by the user.

34. (Currently Amended) A method for controlling an image data communication apparatus connected ~~to an image data source and~~ to a network, and transmitting image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message, the image data communication apparatus including a memory storing a default ~~mail~~ e-mail address and ~~a mail~~ an e-mail address of at least one user, the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of at least one user being an address other than the default ~~mail~~ e-mail address, and a panel for selecting an e-mail address of a user, the panel including a start actuator, the method comprising:

scanning the image data and converting the scanned image data into a format for e-mail transmission, in response to the start actuator being operated; and

setting the default ~~mail~~ e-mail address into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user is not selected; and

setting ~~the~~ a selected ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached, the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user being distinct from ~~a mail~~ an e-mail address of the image data communication apparatus, whereby a reply to the e-mail is returned to the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user, and is not returned to the e-mail address of the image data communication apparatus.

35. (Canceled).

36. (Currently Amended) The image data communication apparatus control method according to claim 34, wherein the default ~~mail~~ e-mail address is pre-stored in the memory and the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user is stored in the memory by the user.

37. (Currently Amended) A method for controlling an image data communication apparatus connected to a network, and transmitting, to a receiving apparatus, image data attached

to an e-mail, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message, the image data communication apparatus including a memory storing a default ~~mail~~ e-mail address and ~~a-mail~~ an e-mail address of at least one user, the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of at least one user being an address other than the default ~~mail~~ e-mail address, and a panel for selecting an e-mail address of a user, the panel including a start actuator, the method comprising:

scanning the image data and converting the scanned image data into a format for e-mail transmission, in response to the start actuator being operated:

setting the default ~~mail~~ e-mail address into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user is not selected;

setting the a selected mail e-mail address of the user into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached, the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user being distinct from ~~a-mail~~ an e-mail address of the image data communication apparatus, whereby the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user set into the mail message of the e-mail can be utilized as a destination for a reply to the e-mail, the reply being sent from the receiving apparatus, the reply being returned to the e-mail address of the user, and not being returned to the e-mail address of the image data communication apparatus; and

transmitting the image data attached to the e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network.

38. (Canceled).

39. (Currently Amended) The image data communication apparatus control method according to claim 37, wherein the default ~~mail~~ e-mail address is pre-stored in the memory and the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user is stored in the memory by the user.

40. (Currently Amended) A method for controlling an image data communication apparatus connected to a network, and transmitting, to a receiving apparatus, image data attached to an e-mail, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message, the image data communication apparatus including a memory storing a default ~~mail~~ e-mail address and ~~a mail~~ an e-mail address of at least one user, the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of at least one user being an address other than the default ~~mail~~ e-mail address, and a panel for selecting an e-mail address of a user, the panel including a start actuator, the method comprising:

scanning the image data and converting the scanned image data into a format for e-mail transmission, in response to the start actuator being operated;

setting the default ~~mail~~ e-mail address into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user is not selected;

setting the a selected ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached, the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user being distinct from ~~a mail~~ an e-mail address of the image data communication apparatus, whereby a ~~reply~~ reply to the e-mail can be sent to the user without requiring input of the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user at the receiving apparatus, the reply being sent from the receiving apparatus, the reply being returned to the e-mail address of the user, and not being returned to the e-mail address of the image data communication apparatus; and

transmitting the image data attached to the e-mail to a the receiving apparatus via the network.

41. (Canceled).

42. (Currently Amended) The image data communication apparatus control method according to claim 40, wherein the default ~~mail~~ e-mail address is pre-stored in the memory and the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user is stored in the memory by the user.

43. (Currently Amended) A method for controlling an image data communication apparatus connected to a network, and transmitting, to a receiving apparatus, image data attached to an e-mail, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message, the image data communication apparatus including a memory storing a default ~~mail~~ e-mail address and ~~a mail~~ an e-mail address of at least one user, the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of at least one user being an address other than the default ~~mail~~ e-mail address, and a panel for selecting an e-mail address of a user, the panel including a start actuator, the method comprising:

scanning the image data and converting the scanned image data into a format for e-mail transmission, in response to the start actuator being operated;

setting the default ~~mail~~ e-mail address into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user is not selected;

setting the a selected ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached, the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user being distinct from ~~a mail~~ an e-mail address of the image data communication apparatus, whereby a reply to the e-mail is returned to the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user, and is not returned to the e-mail address of the image data communication apparatus; and

transmitting the image data attached to the e-mail to a the receiving apparatus via the network.

44. (Canceled).

45. (Currently Amended) The image data communication apparatus control method according to claim 43, wherein the default ~~mail~~ e-mail address is pre-stored in the memory and the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user is stored in the memory by the user.